

Happenings at the Milltown Reservoir

- Reservoir lowered 8 feet in October 2005
- Some reported problems with their wells
- EPA responded to fix these problems
- EPA pays for necessary well repairs
- Reservoir now at full pool level
- May continue to see effects for a couple of weeks while aquifer recovers
- Planning beginning for Phase I (2006) and Phase II (2007) reservoir draw downs

Well Water Concerns?

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The Milltown Reservoir Superfund Site:

Water Levels And Water Quality of Area Wells

▶ If you believe your well has been affected or may be affected in the future, please call EPA.

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► EPA responds to fix area well problems

The Milltown Reservoir was drawn down in October and recently a number of residents, primarily in the area immediately adjacent to the Blackfoot River in Milltown and in West Riverside, have had problems with their wells. Previous draw downs did not pose problems for area residents but this one lasted longer, came later in the year and did cause problems for some.

To date, 9 households have called to report problems with their wells. The water supplies were restored by lowering the pump or other appropriate methods.

In each case, EPA responded by paying for the well repair costs upfront or reimbursing residents.



Planning for October 2006 Draw Down of the Milltown Reservoir

This drawdown was only temporary but in October 2006, EPA expects to permanently lower the Milltown Reservoir by approximately 10 feet and lower the reservoir another 17 feet in late 2007. People whose well were affected this fall generally live in the West Riverside area or along the Blackfoot in Milltown and had wells less than 80 feet deep.

If you live in this area, have a shallow well, or are simply concerned, please contact EPA so we can begin a community well inventory and work together prevent any disruption in well



service. EPA is working to set up a mitigation plan for the Phase I (October 2006) and Phase II (October 2007) permanent draw downs of the Milltown Reservoir. If you would like more information about this, please contact EPA.

County's Program to Test Wells—for free!

Missoula County, through an agreement with and funding from EPA, is offering free testing for arsenic in wells in the Bonner/Milltown area. For more information, please contact Peter Nielsen, Missoula City-County Health Department, 258-4968.



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